Oswald Estate Put at $17,654

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DALLAS, July 9 (AP). — A Federal court evaluator says personal property left by Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, was worth $17,654.

This compares with the $3000 the government said it was worth and the $500,000 price set by his widow, Mrs. Marina Porter.

The final report by William W. West 3d, a former U. S. attorney here, is not binding on Mrs. Porter or the government.

Either the widow or U. S. Attorney General John N. Mitchell could ask for a jury trial to determine exactly how much compensation would be due her for the 500 items now held in the U. S. Archives at Washington.

OPTIONS OPEN

The parties also could waive a jury trial and go before U. S. District Judge Joe E. Estes for a determination, or they could settle the case out of court.

Judge Estes ordered the U. S. government to pay West $3126 for his work. West was appointed a special master by Judge Estes on Sept. 16, 1968, to appraise the property at fair market value as of Nov. 1, 1966.

The highest appraisal given by West for a single item was $5000 for "sheets of English writing" which appear to be from Oswald's diary.

A $2000 appraisal was given Oswald's 32-page typewritten dissertation outlining the political, domestic and labor life of the Soviet Union, accompanied by five photographs.

NOTEBOOKS KEPT

Also valued at $2000 were several pages of Oswald's handwriting on Holland American Line stationery. A notebook with Russian script in it was appraised at $1750.

West estimated that Oswald's wallet containing various identification cards, a Dallas public library card and other papers was worth $500.

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